

Introduced by Senator Leyva

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 6720 to the Labor Code, relating to employee safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1167, as introduced, Leyva. Employment safety: indoor workers: heat regulations.

Under existing law, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health investigates complaints that a workplace is not safe and may issue orders necessary to ensure employee safety. Under existing law, the division has adopted regulations establishing a heat illness prevention standard for outdoor workers.

This bill would require the division, by July 1, 2017, to propose to the standards board for its adoption, a heat illness and injury prevention standard applicable to indoor workers that provides equal or greater protection. Because this bill would expand the definition of an existing crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6720 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

2 6720. By July 1, 2017, the division shall propose to the
3 standards board for its review and adoption a standard that protects
4 the health and safety of indoor workers from heat-related illness
5 and injury. The standard shall offer protections for indoor workers
6 that meet or exceed the protections for outdoor places of
7 employment.

8 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
9 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
10 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
11 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
12 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
13 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
14 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
15 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
16 Constitution.